

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE STEVEN BONILLA,

Nos. C 11-3052 CW (PR)

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Plaintiff.

C 11-3054 CW (PR)

ORDER OF DISMISSAL;
TERMINATING ALL PENDING
MOTIONS

Plaintiff Steven Bonilla has been sentenced to death by the Superior Court of California for the County of Alameda. He is incarcerated at San Quentin State Prison. Although his State habeas case currently is being litigated, he filed a request for appointment of counsel for his future federal habeas litigation in this Court. See Bonilla v. Ayers, No. C 08-0471 CW (PR). Pursuant to Habeas Local Rule 2254-25, this Court granted his request for appointment of counsel and referred the matter to the Northern District's Selection Board for the recommendation of qualified counsel to represent Plaintiff in his federal habeas proceedings. Additionally, pursuant to Habeas Local Rule 2254-24(a), the Court granted Plaintiff's concurrent request for a stay of execution.

(Docket no. 3.)

Although Plaintiff's State habeas case is pending, Plaintiff has filed numerous pro se requests and motions in C 08-0471. All of the requests and motions have been denied by this Court or withdrawn by Plaintiff. In particular, on February 16, 2011, the Court issued an Order telling Plaintiff that no further filings regarding CR 88-259 MISC AJZ (Grand Jury proceedings) would be accepted by this Court. (Docket no. 34.) Additionally, the Court

1 dismissed with prejudice In re: Steven Wayne Bonilla, No. C 11-0441
2 CW (PR), a pro se complaint filed by Plaintiff regarding CR 88-259
3 MISC AJZ. (Id.) On March 29, 2011, the Court denied several more
4 pro se motions filed by Plaintiff in C 08-0471. In doing so, the
5 Court wrote:

6 As this Court has stated multiple times, Petitioner's
7 state habeas case is still pending in the state court.
8 The Court reiterates to Petitioner that challenges to his
9 state trial conviction must be reviewed by the state
10 courts before being considered by the federal court.
11 Until that time, Petitioner's various claims in his pro
12 se pleadings are not ripe for this Court to consider.

13 (Docket no. 54 at 2:16-22.)

14 In the past month, Plaintiff has filed sixteen pro se civil
15 rights actions under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On June 13, 2011, the Court
16 issued an Order dismissing thirteen of those actions for the reason
17 that none of the allegations in Plaintiff's complaints stated a
18 claim for relief under § 1983. After explaining to Plaintiff that
19 challenges to the lawfulness of confinement or its duration can be
20 addressed only by way of habeas corpus, the Court concluded as
21 follows:

22 Here, in an apparent attempt to circumvent this Court's
23 prior admonition to Plaintiff that no further filings
24 regarding CR 88-259 MISC AJZ would be accepted by the
25 Court and that additional unripe pro se motions in C 08-
26 0471 would be denied, Plaintiff has filed the instant
27 civil rights complaints in which he seeks access to
28 certain discovery, witness testimony, declarations and
other information that he claims would render his death
penalty conviction invalid, including information
regarding CR 88-259 MISC AJZ. Because all of Plaintiff's
civil rights complaints seek relief that must be pursued
by way of habeas corpus, all of the instant civil rights
actions are hereby DISMISSED without prejudice to
Plaintiff's bringing his claims in a federal habeas
petition. See Trimble v. City of Santa Rosa, 49 F.3d
583, 586 (9th Cir. 1995). Plaintiff is reminded,
however, that he must heed the Court's prior admonitions
before filing additional pro se matters in C 08-0471.

1 In re Steven Bonilla, Nos. C 11-2612 et seq. CW (PR), Order of
2 Dismissal at 2:28-3:15.

3 Subsequently, on June 16, 2011, the Court dismissed three more
4 of Plaintiff's civil rights actions for the same reasons discussed
5 in the Court's previous Order. See In re Steven Bonilla, Nos.
6 C 11-2808 et seq. CW (PR), Order of Dismissal at 3:1-7.

7 Now pending before the Court are three new pro se civil rights
8 actions filed by Plaintiff. As with Plaintiff's sixteen previous
9 civil rights actions, these actions seek access to information that
10 would render Plaintiff's death penalty conviction invalid.
11 Accordingly, the actions are hereby DISMISSED without prejudice to
12 Plaintiff's bringing his claims in a federal habeas petition. See
13 Trimble v. City of Santa Rosa, 49 F.3d 583, 586 (9th Cir. 1995).

14 Additionally, because the Court has determined that none of
15 the instant civil rights complaints can proceed as a civil rights
16 action but, instead, must be dismissed, the Clerk of the Court is
17 hereby DIRECTED to terminate, in each action, Plaintiff's pending
18 motion to proceed in forma pauperis. No filing fee is due.

19 The Clerk of the Court shall enter judgment in each of the
20 above civil rights actions, terminate all pending motions therein,
21 and close the files. The Clerk of the Court also shall file a copy
22 of this Order in C 08-0471.

23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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25 Dated: 6/29/2011



CLAUDIA WILKEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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STEVEN W BONILLA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN WHITSON et al,

Defendant.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on June 29, 2011, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

Steven Wayne Bonilla J-48500
San Quentin State Prison
San Quentin, CA 94964

Dated: June 29, 2011

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk
By: Nikki Riley, Deputy Clerk

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